

In response thereto all of the pending claims have been cancelled and new claims 429 – 477 have been added.

All of the pending claims read on each of the elected species.

Thus, a new set of claims including only a single independent claim (claim 429) has been substituted in this application. Claim 429 is directed to a sheet of printable business cards (not adhesive labels). The sheet includes a facestock sheet construction and a continuous liner sheet releasably secured to a covering the back side of the facestock sheet construction. The facestock sheet construction includes a cardstock sheet, an adhesive layer on a backside of the cardstock sheet and a film layer on the adhesive layer. Facestock continuous through-cut lines define at least in part perimeter edges of printable business cards. (These through-cut lines provide cleaner card edges than do microperforated lines.) This sheet of printable business cards as claimed in claim 429 is not taught by or suggested by any of the references of record, individually or in any combination of their teachings, Applicants respectfully contend.

For example, Popat relates to adhesive labels and not business cards.

Casagrande's construction is very different than that of claim 429. Casagrande's construction when sold consists of the following layers: facestock, adhesive, translucent film or paper, thin cast coating, adhesive, base paper. Casagrande uses two adhesive layers. In all his embodiments, the facestock is held to the translucent layer by adhesive and this construction is his defined card and the thin cast coating is adhered to the base paper with adhesive (which may be pattern coated). The construction of the present invention is much simpler, comprising a cardstock (with optional coatings), adhesive, film and carrier paper. The nonfunctional part is only paper in the present case; no adhesive is required, since adhesion is obtained through coextrusion coating.

Further, it is requested that the earlier amendment to the inventorship entity be entered and approved.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are all patentable and issuance of the Notice of Allowance at an early date is in order. If there are any questions or remaining issues, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone counsel to seek to resolve them.

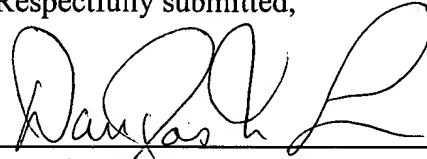
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